

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
April 15, 2018

Striking of the Hour *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”*

Call to Worship (Mark 13)

Church, heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God that calls you to worship will never pass away.

Liturgy of the Word (Mark 13)

Concerning the day or hour of that passing, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So be on guard! Stay awake! **As servants, each with an assigned task, we do not know when that time will come!** Therefore keep watch; you do not know when the Master of this house will return. **So let us heed the clear command of Christ, just as He has said to us and to everyone: Stay awake, and keep watch!**

Hymn: *“Father Long before Creation”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 104: Oh, Rejoice in all Your Works”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Romans 7, Mark 14)

O Lord, we come to You together seeking forgiveness for our sins, for they are many. **We confess, O God, that apart from the work of Your Spirit we are sold as slaves to sin. What we want to do we do not do, but the very things that we hate – these we do! The old nature that lives in us runs deep, and our flesh is weak. So even though we long to listen to You, we wander into shallow distractions instead. Our spirit is willing to pursue the trials of discipleship, but our body loses the fight and concedes to the worthless idols of this world. So Father, have mercy on us in Jesus! He is willing and able and strong. Forgive us our sins, and fill us with faith, and we will rejoice in the life You have given.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 51)
and Intercessory Prayer

Believers in Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven! **Our God is faithful, so He has cleansed us with His mercy. He has created in us a pure heart and**

renewed our spirit with strength. And restoring to us His joy, He has made our spirits willing because it is He who sustains us. Praise God! Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Psalms: Longing to be united with God forever, King David finds refuge, contentment and deep gladness in God's covenant. (Psalm 16)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Doxology *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Sermon: *"Willing and Weak"* (Mark 14:32-42)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution and Fencing the Table (Matthew 26 and Luke 8)

Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

This Jesus, the Son of God, has all authority over the natural world and the spiritual world, and through Him, by the grace of the Father, we have life.

And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

He longs for us to grow deep in faith, so we come to the Table that He might meet us there to deepen our souls in Him.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *“Yet Sovereign Mercy Calls Return”*

Communion Hymn: *“Jesus Paid it All”*

Communion Hymn: *“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”*

Communion Hymn: *“The Christian’s Hope Can Never Fail”*

Parting Liturgy (1 Thessalonians 5)

Always seek to do good to one another and to everyone! **We will rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.**

Benediction (1 Thessalonians 5)

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will surely do it!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.